



Faith Community Church
Sovereign Storm

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



Opening Thought: Have you ever considered that God is in charge of every storm that comes into your life?

Key Takeaways:

1. God sends or allows storms in our lives for various reasons, including our own or others' disobedience, and even our *obedience*.
2. Our response to storms – fear, focus, or defiance – reveals our spiritual condition.
3. As Christians, we cannot allow ourselves to sleep – to be unaware and untouched by God's work – but we must be awake and alert to God's activity and calling.

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you take any steps to stop running, obey a tough call, or make hard – and wise – decisions this last week? Tell us about it!
2. The sermon mentioned four reasons why storms come into our lives. Which of these surprised you? Which resonated with you? Why? (Romans 8:20-21; 2 Samuel 24:17; Matthew 14:22,24; Hebrews 12:7,10)
3. How do you typically respond when facing a "storm" in your life? Do you relate more to the fearful sailors or the sleeping Jonah? (Numbers 13:27-28, 30; Ephesians 5:14-17, 1 Thess 5:6)
4. Knowing that God is perfectly, absolutely in charge of every storm, (and that He is perfect love) how does (or should) that affect your reaction and response to storms? (1 Samuel 2:6-7, Romans 11:33-36, Jeremiah 29:11)

5. Storms may redirect our focus to what is truly important. (Luke 12:15, Mark 8:36, Matthew 6:19-21) How have you experienced this in your own life?

6. Have you ever felt “poked” to reach out to someone –sharing the gospel, showing Christ’s love, or otherwise participating in God’s activity? How did you respond? How could you, or should you, respond differently? Share your experiences or struggles with boldness and evangelism. (Acts 10:22,34; Acts 14:8-10)

7. How can we as a group help each other stay "spiritually awake" and attentive to God's work around us? (Hebrews 3:12-15). Come up with some practical ways.

Practical Applications:

1. This week, practice turning to prayer as your first response when facing "storms."
2. Identify one area in your life where you might be "sleeping" spiritually. What steps can you take to "wake up" in that area? Tell us about it next week!
3. Choose one person in your life who doesn't know Christ. Commit to praying for their salvation daily and look for opportunities to share your faith with them.
4. Reflect on your priorities. Are there any "cargo" items you need to "throw overboard" to better focus on what truly matters?
5. Look for one way to serve in your church or community this week, responding to God's call to "arise" and be active in His work.
6. Share George Whitefield's quote “I’d rather wear out than rust out” with someone as encouragement to live fully for God's glory until the end.

Closing Prayer: Lord, thank You for the storms that refine us and draw us closer to You. Help us to be alert and responsive to Your voice, living lives that shine brightly for Your glory. Give us courage to arise and answer Your call, serving others and sharing Your love until the day You call us home. In Jesus' name, Amen.